

REMARKS

This Application has been allowed in the Notice of Allowance of November 6, 2003. Amendment of the specification and claims 10, 24 - 26, 35, 37, 39, 40 and 43, however, is respectfully requested. As each of these claims were allowed in the Notice of Allowance of November 6, 2003, the requested amendments to the claims do not address issues related to patentability. Rather, the requested amendments to the claims correct obvious typographical and clerical errors. The requested amendments to the specification and claims are fully supported by the specification and as filed claims and, therefore, do not introduce any new matter.

Amendment of the Specification:

Amendment of the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 14 and ending on page 13, line 9 is respectfully requested to change references to Figures 6B and 6C to refer to Figures 7B and 7C. The requested amendment corrects obvious typographical errors and does not introduce new matter.

Amendment of the Claims:

Amendment of claims 10, 24, 26, 35, 37 and 43 is requested to change the recitation "fastener" to recite "fastener cylinder." The requested amendments to claims 10, 24, 26, 35, 37 and 43 improve antecedent basis and overall clarity. Amended claims 10, 24, 26, 35, 37 and 43 do not introduce any new matter.

Amendment of claim 25 is requested to change the recitation "said gasket is an o-ring" to recite "said first and second gaskets are o-rings." The requested amendment improves antecedent basis and overall clarity. Amended claim 25 does not introduce any new matter.

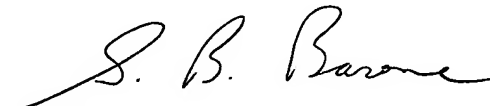
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Amendment of claims 39 and 40 is requested to change their dependency from claim 36 to depend from allowed claim 37. The requested amendments to claims 39 and 40 correct clerical errors. Amended claims 39 and 40 do not introduce any new matter.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. If this is incorrect, however, please deduct the appropriate fee for this submission and any extensions of time required from Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

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